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SUBJECT: (S) NIAG 4225: POSSIBLE IRANIAN PROCUREMENT OF URANIUM ORE IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

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¶1. (S) In response to demarche in Reftel A, presented to the MFA on January 20, the Czech government assembled representatives from the MFA, the Office for Nuclear Security (SUJB), the Ministry of Industry and Trade, and the intelligence branch (BIS). None of the representatives could find any evidence to support the suspicions contained in the demarche that Iran's nuclear program was trying to acquire many metric tons of yellowcake from the Czech firm Geoidustria. The SUJB representative, Vaclav Bartak, even went further and excluded the possibility of such a transaction. He stressed that the nation's entire store of uranium is kept under extremely strict control. BIS also expressed the opinion that it would be hard for such a transaction to take place without them hearing anything about it.

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